

Flowers and messages: video A

Marie-Paule Cannedu is a florist. Every day she delivers bouquets for birthdays, births or marriages.

Nathalie: "People often say 'Say it with flowers.' But what is it you're saying with flowers?"

Marie-Paule: "Well lot's of things. Because certain people find it very hard to say things, so the arrival of a bouquet of flowers can say a lot. If it's a birthday it's happy birthday, if you like someone it's a way of showing them that. They mean hello, as they do goodbye. Unfortunately, they're also what we give at the end. So you can always say it with flowers".

Today it's in Allauch, a little village near Marseilles, that her round begins.

Nathalie: "So these are today's deliveries?"

Marie-Paule: "Yes today's. So we're starting with a wedding that will be happening tonight. So this is 'To Nadine and Patrick, congratulations on your marriage and all our best wishes, auntie Jeanne and uncle Marcel'.

Next we've got a little darling who has just been born. So this is "We are delighted at the arrival of Chloé, congratulations! Chloé, welcome to this world! The Gilbert Family'.

We have a traditional bouquet for a birthday 'Wishing you a very happy birthday, warm regards Madame Gazay.'

And another birthday 'Happy Birthday. [love and] kisses, Isa.'

And I also have a death for tomorrow morning - 'Madeleine, just wanted to tell you that I am thinking of you at this sad time. Kind regards Jaqueline and friends'. 'Please accept my deepest condolences, Mme Courson'.

On a happier note we have the opening of a shop so this is - 'I wish you all the success you deserve. Good luck! Mme Pechiney.'

"There you go! And thank you! "